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SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES
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GROWTH RATE OF SSIs
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the growth rate registered during first half of the current year in the small scale (SS) industries;

(b) whether the SS sector has registered any decline during this period;

(c) if so, the reasons for the same;

(d) the number of items included in the SS sector and number of items proposed to be included;

(e) the efforts being made by the Union Government to strengthen SS sector; and

(f) the success achieved by virtue of these efforts?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES(SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a): There is generally a time lag of six to nine months in the availability of data on small scale industries (SSI). The estimated rate of growth of SSI during the first half of the current financial year, i.e., 2005-06 is not available. However, the estimated growth rate of 8.89 per cent for the SSI sector in the first three quarters of 2004-05 (April-December, 2004) is higher than that of 7.57 per cent during the corresponding quarters of 2003-04.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): Currently, there are 506 items reserved for exclusive manufacture by the small scale industries (SSI). There is no proposal at present for including any new item for exclusive manufacture by the SSI.

(e)&(f): The promotion and development of SSIs is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. The Central Government, however, implements a number of schemes/programmes to complement their efforts by way of providing credit, infrastructural, technological and marketing support to the SSI.

As a result of these efforts, the SSI sector has continued to contribute significantly to the growth of the gross domestic product, industrial production, employment generation and exports and has acquired a prominent place in the economy of the country.